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### **Torrance Cablecasts Mayor Dan Walker's 2006 State of the City Address**

Torrance, Calif., March 23, 2006 – Mayor Dan Walker's taped 2006 State of the City Address will begin cablecasting on Torrance CitiCABLE Channel 3 on March 23, March 27 to 30 and April 3 & 4 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. On March 24, 26, 31 and April 2 his address will air at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. and on April 1 at 9 p.m. Check online for future schedule. Anybody can also view the Address online at [www.TorrNet.com](http://www.TorrNet.com), which includes the full text.

In his speech, Mayor Walker touted the City's stability and state of economic health as a result of efforts put forth in the past four years. He reported on improvements in the city, its economic vitality, the completion of infrastructure projects, progress on the revitalization of the Del Amo Fashion Center, and future investments for continued progress.

"We are a community that has grown together. We are a balanced community, which continues to move forward in serving its residents," stated Mayor Walker.

He touched on challenges facing Torrance and spoke about the City's efforts in overcoming them. He mentioned traffic issues, Torrance's Class 1 Fire Department and outstanding police that help keep the city safe.

Mayor Walker also talked about finding ways to assist the Torrance Unified School District and adding pocket parks in residential areas. He also mentioned work on adding five acres of open space to Alta Loma Park. He spoke of community improvement for everyone, citing the Annenberg Foundation's gift to the City as an example. It is a universally-accessible tree house, which is set to open on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Wilson Park. It will be the first on the West Coast.

To end his speech, Mayor Walker encouraged everyone to participate in efforts to make Torrance a better city. He said, "Let's try to wake up in the morning with a smile. Try to help someone. And if you have, when you go to sleep at night you will know that someone, somewhere, is looking down on you and smiling."

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